

Te Ara O Hei- "The Path of Hei" (Coromandel Walks) - Project Fact Sheet # 8

THE RMA PROCESS

What is a resource consent application?

A Resource Consent is required when a building or activity is not permitted as set out under TCDC's District Plan or Waikato Regional Plan. The resource consent process ensures that any adverse effects from an activity or building are avoided, mitigated or remedied. This includes effects on the environment and/or people.

What consents are needed for the Walk?

A consent is needed with TCDC for construction of Lees Road Car Park and toilet/kiosk facilities and earthworks/structures associated with the track.

Waikato Regional Council also require a consent to undertake earthworks for the track alongside the stream at Lees Road, and discharge of storm water from the car park as well as instillation of the pedestrian bridge at Flax mill Stream

Will the application be notified?

TCDC has made a decision that any consenting application will be publically notified, to give the community a chance to have their say and identify what they like or don't about the proposal. Once the application is publically notified, a notice will appear in local papers and anybody would have the opportunity to lodge a submission on the project by completing a council submission form. The form will ask you if you support, oppose or are neutral to the proposal and to provide the reasons for your view. The submitter can also say if they wish to be heard in support their submission or not. If a submitter requests to be heard, this means they have the option of appearing at the consent authority hearings and stating their views on the proposal.

How does this consultation document and feedback form fit with the RMA process?

We are actively listening to the community, and are proposing further consultation over the summer peak and beyond. Further consultation will be undertaken before TCDC lodge the notified application through the RMA process. Following further consultation we will work through all submissions and/or follow up with individual submitters and the community on key points and next steps prior to any planning application being made.

Written Approvals

- Before lodging any resource, TCDC will also attempt to seek the written approval of affected landowners, occupiers and other people who may be affected. Giving your written approval means that you are comfortable with the proposal. If you provide your written approval, the consent authority (e.g. Council) will not consider the effects on you. Written approval forms will be provided and it is up to you whether you want to provide a written approval or not.